



## ELEGANT TABLEWARE.

These Lace Effects Shown in a Dessert Service of Venetian Glass.

It is rare indeed nowadays that one sees even the table of a poor man set with plain white ware, while the houses of the wealthy show set after set of china of such beauty and value that caretakers are put under bonds to insure its safety. The most expensive services are of Doulton, Royal Worcester, or Dresden, the latter with its tiny flowers being exceedingly popular with those who can afford it. The English Caudron ware, though costing more than the Haviland china, is said to be better worth the difference in price, as it is claimed that it will not chip easily.

Corn sets are shown, with long, slender platters with plates to match, as are sets for serving asparagus.

Bohemian glass is used for salad bowls and finger bowls.

Speaking of glass, Queen Victoria recently had presented to her an exquisite



DESSERT DISH IN VENETIAN GLASS.

dessert service in Venetian glass, decorated in quite a new style and made especially for the queen. The service consists of two large and six smaller dishes, each shell-shaped, of pale opalescent pink color, never made before, mounted with a priffin splashed with gold, and part covered with what appears from a short distance a square of real lace of exquisite workmanship. On closer investigation, however, these covers turn out exceedingly clever imitations of lace designs, executed by hand, and afterwards fired to render them durable. The lace design on the two large dishes consists of combination of roses, thistles and thistles, with a butterfly hovering between the flowers. On the same dishes the griffin holds a shield on which the royal crown is encircled in color. Shape, coloring and decorative workmanship of these dessert dishes are of the utmost elegance and delicacy.

## PACKING YOUR TRUNK.

Unless You Are an Expert Follow the Advice Given Below:

1. Gather from the four corners of the domicile these things which will be needed, and leave to a long rest those not needed.
2. Roll tightly all smaller undergarments, nightdresses, towels, etc., thus securing much more room.
3. Wrap each boot, slipper and shoe in a piece of tissue paper, tie mates together, and slip them into convenient crevices.
4. Put all toilet appurtenances, each separately wrapped, in a soft bag, in a corner at the top of a trunk.
5. Stuff, with tissue paper, the ribbon loops on bonnet and hat, the sleeves of dresses and toes of boots and slippers. Cover waist trimmings with the same paper.
6. Pin tapes to loops and sides of headgear, and tack those tapes to sides of hat box, thus securing hat and bonnet from being crushed or mashed.
7. Cover the contents of each trunk with a large soft cloth, and pin to the outside of this a paper containing a list of the contents of that particular trunk.
8. Lock the trunk and put the key in your purse, and your purse in the pocket of the dress you will wear while traveling.—Good Housekeeping.

## Method to Her Vanity.

A well-known aesthete recently advised women never to pass a mirror without looking into it, and observant persons perceive the wisdom of this injunction. When one is shopping, for instance, full-length mirrors are frequently encountered, and a passing glance is sufficient to reveal the disordered veil or hat, the strip of braid torn from the bottom of the gown, the bow or flounce awry or any other defect in the toilet, and it is then an easy matter to remedy the shortcomings, which, neglected, would stamp one as lacking in proper regard for tidiness. Therefore, the modern woman glances into every mirror as she hurries along and takes a furtive peep now and then into the jeweled glass suspended at her belt, caring not one whit if some of her friends deem it a vanity, as long as she is thus reassured of her neat and trim appearance.

## The Wee One's Thumb.

Nothing too strong can be said against permitting children to suck their thumbs. Charming and heart-delighting as this common occupation of the baby is to the average mother, nothing will more surely ruin the shape of the hands. It is the cause of broad, flat thumbs in after life. There are preparations to put upon the baby's thumbs which will render these rosy digits less palatable, and after one or two attempts baby will soon forget the injurious habit.

## An Extraordinary Hand.

The Empress Eugenie recently took Prince Napoleon with her to Windsor to present him to the queen as her heir—an impressive fact when the ex-mistress of the Tuilleries' fortune is considered. Most of her wealth is in good English stocks too. It is being told of Eugenie that, on a late visit to Paris, she went "incog." to a fashionable palmist to have her fortune read. As part of the necromancer's art is not to see his fair penitents, she had to put her hand through a slit in a screen. After quite a cursory examination the fortune teller said: "Madam, your hand is so extraordinary that one or two things must be the truth. Either my skill must be at fault for once, and I see impossible events, or you must be the Empress Eugenie, for no other hand could tell of such strange vicissitudes."

## The Ballot and Justice.

A writer in Womankind says that the great question for women today should be not the ballot, but justice, the exaction of the same code of morals for men and women, the treatment of a man as a moral leper, let alone by women everywhere if the woman is to become an outcast. That is a better question than the one of the ballot. That is equal rights; that is equal wrongs. The bodily pure women are not always mentally pure, but let those who are in the position from which "stone throwing" is possible stone both or none and refuse the hand of fellowship to both or none. There is more equal rights in this question than in that of the ballot in any shape.

## Princess Alix.

The many rumors concerning the delicate health of Princess Alix of Hesse appear to be founded on truth. There is evidently an apprehension that the young girl's condition may cause her engagement to be broken off. It is a sine qua non that the wife of the heir to the throne of Russia should be of a thoroughly sound constitution, and her marriage with any one not in good health is positively prohibited by the Romanoff family statutes. The same rule prevails in the Austrian and German royal families.

## Bang Combs For Chaperones.

There seems no need to the readers on the chaperone belt. Every well organized chaperone belt now numbers a bang comb among its jangling collection. The combs are really very handy. The latest ones have a thin tortoise-shell case overlaid with the fashionable silver filigree work. The comb shuts into the case like the blade of a pocketknife, and a silver chain is attached to hang the comb among the other objects of art and usefulness that make music wherever the owner of the chaperone goes.

## Mrs. Burnett.

Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, whose "Little Lord Fauntleroy" has made her famous, has lived many years of her life in America, having come to this country when she was but 15 years old and later married Dr. Burnett of Washington. Recently, however, she has taken a fine house in Portland place, London, and will hereafter reside there.

## London's Women's Orchestra.

London has a ladies' pompadour orchestra which appears at picturesque festivals given in the upper circles of society. It added greatly to the picturesque beauty of the night festival given recently in the gardens of the Royal Botanic society by its appearance in powdered hair, quaint cut socks and various tinted skirts.

## Alexandra of Wales.

Alexandra, princess of Wales, is at her most winning best when she visits the sick and suffering in hospitals, and she is specially gentle to little children. She was touched and amused when an invalid child in an accident ward lately shyly addressed her as "Mrs. Princess of Wales."—Liverpool Mercury.

## Wear Combs Before the Knot.

Shell combs and ornaments of grotesque shape should now be placed in front of the Psyche knot that is worn on top of the head. The hair is drawn into a small knot high on the head, and the comb in front of the knot is very becoming to a bright faced, pretty girl.

The Republicans of North Dakota put a woman suffrage plank in their platform at the recent state convention and unanimously nominated Miss Emma F. Bates of Valley City for state superintendent of public instruction.

A shoe drawer, divided into compartments, so that each pair of shoes may always be found together without delay, is a convenience appreciated by a busy woman.

The stenographer of the Danish house of representatives is a young woman. Women are coming forward more and more in that country.

Lamp chimneys are best cleaned by holding them over steam, then wiping with a dry cloth and polishing with newspaper.

The State Journal's Want and Miscellaneous columns reach each working day in the week more than twice as many Topeka people as can be reached through any other paper. This is a fact.



## EARLY FALL COSTUMES.

The gown on the left is of gray cheviot with a basque with long tabs edged with gimp. The same also trims the waist. The center figure shows a gown of novel cloth with pelisse of the same. Sleeves of brown cashmere over silk puffed undersleeves. The figure on the right shows a gray cheviot skirt with figured tunic of wool novelty. A quaint felt hat with gilt ornaments is worn with this suit.

## PERSONAL GOSSIP.

The chief justice of the court of Japan is a Christian and president of the Young Men's Christian association of Tokyo.

Mrs. Ye, the wife of the Korean charge d'affaires at Washington, now plays the piano, runs a sewing machine and speaks English.

Mrs. Benjamin L. Beall of Baltimore enjoys the distinction of having been kissed by General Lafayette when he was making a tour of this country in 1824.

The reports about the Infanta Ena's poverty have led to the authentic statement that she has an income of \$10,000 from Spain and her husband is worth \$30,000,000.

Mme. Carnot has relatives innumerable throughout France. Her great grandfather went to Paris a poor young man and acquired, in addition to a handsome fortune, a family of 22 children.

John Marshall, whose decisions struck the first great blows in the struggle for the Union and dug the foundations on which rose our present fabric of constitutional law, is to go on a postage stamp.

Thomas Neville Ward, whose Confederate brigade had a great reputation during the war for hard fighting, is now the Nestor of the Texas bar and an authority in every branch of his specialties in law. He is 81 years old.

The ruler of Coburg, better known as the Duke of Edinburgh, is a man of many hobbies. Among them must be counted his curious mania for collecting miniature silver ships. At the present time he is the proud possessor of a fleet numbering considerably over 50.

The driver of the hearse which conveyed the remains of President Carnot to their last resting place was, strangely enough, the favorite coachman of Napoleon III. His name is Linguet, and he is stone deaf, but still retains that imposing aspect which Napoleon admired so much.

The czar of Russia has shown his good will toward the church of Rome by contributions toward the erection of San Giuseppe church, begun in Rome in honor of the pope's jubilee. He has sent a number of chests of valuable stone, including malachite and lapis lazuli, for the interior decoration of the building.

A most elegant Felix toilet is a per green glossy silk dress, elaborately trimmed with corn guipure and with a guipure cape trimmed with bottle green ends and rosettes.

Now that elbow sleeves are fashionable practical women have the lower one made apart to be put on or put off at will. It is easy to tuck them under the big upper puff.

Two ribbon rosettes attached to the front of the neckband at a small interval and long ends falling from each almost to the edge of the skirt make an effective trimming for a plain thin summer dress.

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